REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	23 June 1998
Name of applicant/court:	Secretary for Internal Affairs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Hotel Bizarre
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Lasse Braun
Producer:	Not Stated
Publisher:	Not Applicable
Author:	Not Applicable
Format:	Video Recording VHS/PAL
Country of Origin:	Germany
Language:	German, Dutch

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Components of film originally examined:

Feature:	Hotel Bizarre	Running time:	67.37
Trailers:	Carol Lynn Notice	Running time:	0.25
	Dream of a Cook		1.28
	Die Supergeilen Raubritter		1.43
	Die Erkenntnis Einer Domina		1.54
	Carol Lynn Notice		0.09
	Blank Screen		2.05
	Gufa Notice		0.12
		Total Running time:	75.33

Excision/Alteration: Yes.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Two excisions are required to remove scenes which depict female actors urinating onto male actors within a sexual context. The positive context in which the activity appears and the fact that the publication is intended to convey the impression that the form of activity is socially acceptable means that the publication promotes and supports the use of urine in association with sexual conduct.

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Approved components of film after excision:

Feature:	Hotel Bizarre	Running time:	66.16
Trailers:	Carol Lynn Notice	Running time:	0.25
	Dream of a Cook		1.30
	Die Erkenntnis Einer Domina		1.54
	Carol Lynn Notice		0.09

Total Amended Running time: 70.14

Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

Nil.

Descriptive Note:

Contains explicit sex scenes.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on 19 June 1998

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The classification on the video recording entitled *Hotel Bizarre* has been reconsidered and is altered. It is now classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The restriction to adult persons is because of the scenes of explicit sexual activity that occur throughout.

The video recording contains two scenes that feature the use of urine in association with sexual conduct. Each of these scenes presents the activity in a manner that suggests that the use of urine is a legitimate and pleasurable sexual practice. The video therefore promotes and supports the use of urine in association with sexual conduct.

The video recording also contains a range of sexually explicit activity including fellatio, cunnilingus and vaginal intercourse. In one scene two women are depicted inserting large dildos into their vaginas. The manner in which these acts are depicted is such

that the use of the dildos is clearly intended to be sexually titillating for the viewer as opposed to the females deriving sexual satisfaction. For this reason, the Classification Office considers the scenes to present sexual conduct of a degrading, dehumanising and demeaning nature to a limited degree, as well as being mildly degrading, dehumanising, and demeaning towards the women involved.

Given the manner and presentation of the scenes of urination, the video recording is deemed to be objectionable. However, if the scenes of urination were excised from the video recording, and giving weight to the rights and freedoms contained in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, the video could be made available provided it is restricted to adult viewers.

The distributor was offered the option of excisions and the recommended excisions have been made.

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